

Erlanger Police Department

Monthly Report

September 2020

Monthly Summary



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Officer Megan Ryle and Officer Craig Rose have both successfully completed field training and are out patrolling on their own.
- Officers continue to work federal traffic blitzes on I-75 throughout our city.
- Staff meetings are still being held via ZOOM.
- A new full time traffic unit has been created and will begin to address traffic issues city wide beginning next month. More to follow in coming months
- PD had a large crime scene due to a shooting on Blue Creek. Two individuals were shot, and multiple suspects arrested.
- All sworn officers attended driver training at the Florence Yalls parking lot.
- Multiple officers were diagnosed with COVID 19 this month requiring schedule changes and unforeseen over time.

Monthly Calls for Service

	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Yearly
Incident Type	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	Totals
Citation	200	31	118	287	290	318	270	2045
Arrest	43	15	42	76	73	83	87	579
Abandoned Vehicle-OTP	9	7	9	13	21	7	10	107
Accident-Hit Skip	13	7	15	18	22	13	12	125
Accident-No Injuries	52	32	64	75	68	54	84	551
Accident-w/Injuries	10	7	12	13	21	13	13	115
Alarm	40	37	41	33	52	45	47	362
Animal	13	18	18	19	24	13	10	150
Assault	3	1	1	2	2	6	1	25
Assault-w/injuries	1	0	2	2	1	0	3	11
Assist-Fire	123	112	120	146	140	135	109	1153
Assist-Other Agency	3	7	6	7	3	4	4	44
Assist-Police	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ATL	14	12	14	11	20	8	5	112
Burglary	2	10	5	9	4	9	4	65
Child Abuse	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4
Child Found	2	2	2	3	2	1	3	16

Criminal Mischief	10	5	7	9	10	7	13	80
Custodial Interference	0	2	7	7	8	0	0	27
Damage to Property	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dispute-Active	6	11	10	8	16	5	5	80
Dispute-Inactive	3	1	3	3	2	2	1	22
Domestic Trouble	60	52	54	61	53	45	55	467
Drug Activity	5	5	5	6	4	3	9	41
Drunk Driver/DUI	19	6	21	35	21	10	4	149
Emotional Crisis	29	22	17	10	18	28	26	196
Fight	2	3	6	8	4	6	3	36
Fireworks Complaint	1	0	2	23	16	1	0	44
Foot Patrol	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	10
Fraud	4	2	0	4	2	4	2	29
Gun-Subject w/	2	3	1	7	0	4	0	20
Harassment/Stalking	6	14	12	8	8	10	11	90
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Intoxicated Person	12	9	11	10	13	14	11	96
Lockout Veh/Res	14	3	15	28	35	22	26	196
Loud Music/Noise Complaint	10	13	11	13	6	11	13	84
Loud/Disorderly Subjects	1	5	2	3	0	0	1	14
Missing Person/Runaway	5	5	6	6	4	3	5	40
Motorist Assist	53	28	62	76	67	56	49	505
Non-Responsive Person	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Open Door/Window	15	7	3	6	5	7	4	83
Overdose/Medication	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	7

Panhandling	2	2	2	6	2	3	2	21
Parking Complaint	31	20	26	30	26	51	31	296
Property-Lost/Found/Assist	7	14	17	18	11	12	14	113
Prowler	0	4	3	3	3	1	0	19
Public Contact/Complaint	144	93	100	159	156	143	92	1139
Pursuit	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4
Rape/Sexual Assault	0	1	0	0	3	1	3	11
Robbery	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4
Shooting/Gunshot Wound	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Shoplifting	3	3	5	6	0	1	4	28
Shots Fired	6	5	12	6	1	4	7	47
Special Area Check	445	542	248	207	171	165	158	2325
Speeding/Reckless Vehicle	38	25	39	53	41	21	7	303
Stabbing	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	115	80	87	118	119	130	103	960
Theft	12	10	14	16	9	20	17	126
Theft-From a Motor Vehicle	11	4	2	3	5	2	5	50
Theft-Motor Vehicle	2	4	4	2	4	5	1	36
Traffic Complaint/ Investigation	37	26	30	27	36	24	24	273
Traffic Stop	362	20	162	490	552	598	492	3645
Trespass	6	4	5	7	5	4	2	36
Trouble	19	18	19	25	16	15	19	161
Trouble-Employee/Customer	7	7	7	6	4	7	9	62
Trouble-Juvenile	16	13	9	16	7	12	12	100
Trouble-Landlord/Tenant	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	4

Trouble-Neighbors	4	7	6	3	6	5	3	39
Trouble-Refusing to Leave	11	9	17	8	8	7	17	94
TX	90	141	211	197	131	123	118	1138
Vacation/Business Check	535	592	362	252	240	187	206	2579
Vehicle Fire	5	3	2	4	2	3	2	25
Warrant-Arrest	5	4	7	6	5	10	5	59
Warrant-Search	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	5
Weapon-Subject w/	2	5	3	3	4	1	1	23
Well Being Check	29	27	41	42	32	36	51	297
Total:	2644	2215	2108	2520	2384	2312	2099	20442

Criminal Investigative Division

Erlanger Patrol Officers and Detectives responded to a double shooting that occurred outside 3474 Bluecreek Dr in Erlanger, KY. Kenton County Dispatch received numerous calls of shots being fired in the area and one caller advised three people had been shot.

Officers arrived on the scene and located two individuals that had suffered a gunshot wound and one that was in shock. A 17-year-old female and Chase Coy, a 22-year-old male from Florence, KY, were transported by Erlanger EMS to UC Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. The third person was treated at the scene and released.

During the initial investigation, it was determined the individuals involved had fled the area on foot, at which time Erlanger Canine Officer Bodo was deployed to conduct a track of the fleeing individuals. The successful track led officers to 3507 Misty Creek Drive where two males and a female were located outside. It was believed a fourth person was inside the residence, and once the residents had vacated the building, officers made entry and located a third male hiding inside.

Through investigation and interviews by Erlanger Police Detectives, one of the males, and the female who had been located outside 3507 Misty Creek, were found to not be involved. The male located inside and another male located outside, both being juveniles, were believed to be involved and have been charged with two counts of Assault 1st. Detectives continue to investigate this case

and if there is any additional information on this case, please contact Detective Tom Loos.

The Erlanger Police Department wants to thank the numerous citizens that assisted as well as the following departments that also helped continue to keep our community safe: Independence, Lakeside, Fort Mitchell, Edgewood, Kenton County Sheriff, Kenton County Police Department, Elsmere, and Boone County Sheriff.

The CID had several ongoing sexual abuse cases and participated in the Erlanger Police drivers training.

Community Resource Officer

There is nothing to report this month as the pandemic has continued to limit the ability of outreach to the community. Social media has continued to be active and engaging with the community.

Training / Evidence Management

Driving, Fighting and Shooting. These three skills are a focus of officer safety training skills across the state. This month the police department focused on driving. Police Policy regarding driving and pursuits was updated and all sworn officers are in the process of an in depth review of the policy. A practical exercise with every sworn officer is also being conducted. The practical course is being conducted in conjunction with the Florence Police Department at the Florence Yall's park. During the exercises officers focus and refresh an array of skills including backing, turn apex, over and understeer control, corrective measures and safety best practices. House Bill 298 was part of the course, including various changes in the law and it's requirements of police and the organizations they serve. HB298 requires bi-annual driver training for all officers, Erlanger PD conducts driver training annually. T.O. Eagler completed an 8 hour train the trainer seminar pursuant to HB298 with the KSP, DOCJT, KLC and KACO in Frankfort.

Sgt. Nezi planned the September firearms range however the training was cancelled due to new COV-19 Restrictions. Next firearms range will be in December. Nezi and Lye completed bi annual Glock Armor Certifications.

Officers Mathews and Ellison completed an Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement 16 hour course in Covington.

Officers are required to complete 40 hours of Kentucky Law Enforcement Counsel every year. Due to BEr-19 this requirement was amended to require an 8 hour online ethics training. About half of ERPD officers started this course this month with the rest enrolling later this year.

The Kentucky League of Cities Insurance visited on a short notice audit. Among other things, League Law Enforcement Liaison, Brian Nunn, verified various policy, training, procedures, safety equipment and facilities. Sgt. Adam Rigsby prepared several policies for review ensuring the same were up to date within recommended best practices from the KLC. The auditor's report is pending however we are confident the Erlanger Police we approach a 100% rating.

Planning continues for a recruit test in October. The test will include a physical fitness evaluation as well as a written exam. As of this report there are over 60 applicants. The test is being planned to take place at Lloyd High School Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 12:00 and will require about 12 officers and clerks to administer.

A substantial increase in evidence items being processed has occurred this month. This was expected as COV-19 restrictions were relaxed and the department approaches increased staffing levels. This month over 120 items were collected in drug, shooting and sexual assault cases. Several individual court orders were processed and 26 items were disposed of. Ms. Ernst is preparing a court ordered evidence destruction list for October. Ms. Ernst has also been working with the Kenton County Attorney on an asset forfeiture audit. Evidence Administration upgrades continue.

If readers would like any further information regarding ERPD Training / Evidence please contact T.O. Eagler at 859.393.5378.

Canine Unit

Narrative: Both K9 teams conducted 57.5 hours (Keno) and 57 hours (Bodo) of continual training this month. Both canine teams attended the NAPWDA Indiana State Workshop hosted in Crawfordsville, Indiana for their yearly NAPWDA certification. This state workshop encompasses the NAPWDA certifications, in addition to one-on-one work with NAPWDA Master Trainers totaling 40 hours of training. This certification will keep the teams in compliance with the department's K9 policy.

<u>Clark/Bodo</u>	
Vehicle Sniff	5
Perimeter Security	2
Suspect Track	1
Arrest	6
Assist other Agency	2
Training Hours	57
Total Uses	8

<u>Hartke/Keno</u>	
Vehicle Sniff	5
Perimeter Security	1
Suspect Track	0
Arrest	1
Assist other Agency	0
Training Hours	57.5
Total Uses	6

Notable Uses:

On Thursday September 24, 2020, On Thursday September 24, 2020 at 2132 hours in Erlanger, Kentucky, the canine team Sergeant Clark and Bodo responded to the area of 3474 Blue Creek Drive for reports of multiple people shot.

Through investigation, it was learned that at least two but possibly three suspects shot into an occupied vehicle striking two victims. The three suspects were described by witnesses on scene as fleeing into the wood line to the north of the dead end of Blue Creek Drive. Canine Bodo was deployed for a track of the fleeing suspects around 2211 hours. The canine team Clark/Bodo are a nationally certified canine team through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). More specifically, Bodo is trained and certified to track/trail person(s) by following different scent odors.

Bodo started the track near the last location where witnesses had seen the shooting suspects run towards. Bodo located the track and began following it in a north, northeast direction towards Creekstone Circle. Bodo continued following the track up Creekstone Circle towards Misty Creek. The track moved across Misty Creek Drive into the backyards between Misty Creek Drive and Canary Court. Bodo began casting around through the backyards to find the scent trail. Bodo located the scent trail again following it north onto Canary Court. Bodo followed the scent trail to the east through backyards along Meadowlark Drive towards Hummingbird Court. Bodo followed the scent trail from Hummingbird Court south back towards Misty Creek Drive. The track ran into a large fence and gate. After checking around the area for the scent trail, Bodo went over the fence and continued tracking towards Misty Creek Drive. As the track approached Misty Creek Drive Bodo worked east, and then began casting looking for the scent trail. Bodo then continued east down Misty Creek Drive to the yard of 3507 Misty Creek Drive. Bodo pulled towards an open gate for the backyard of the residence. Bodo was stopped at this point and placed in a tactical position for cover. During this time, officers had spoken with a female walking on Misty Creek near where Bodo had followed the track. The female subject advised there were subjects in her home that matched the description of the shooting suspects.

A short time after arriving at the backyard of 3507 Misty Creek Drive, Sergeant Clark and Bodo made contact with two suspects exiting the rear of the residence. Verbal commands for surrender were given two males (one male white, and one male black) which they complied with. A female subject came out of the residence behind the males shouting. The female was also given verbal commands to surrender to police. During her surrender, she shouted a male subject named "Johnny" was trying to get out the front window of the residence.

After the track, canine Bodo was transitioned to perimeter security while contact via loudspeaker was made challenging the residence for the last suspects' surrender. Bodo maintained a position on the perimeter at the rear of the residence until all backup units arrived. Once there were enough backup officers on scene to cover the rear of the residence, Bodo transitioned to a perimeter at the front of the residence. In total 4 suspects were taken into custody as a result of the track performed by the canine team Sergeant Clark and Bodo. Two suspects, juveniles B. Cunningham and S. Sherrod, were arrested and charged with Assault 1 Degree for the shooting.

Bodo was deployed around 40 minutes after the initial call due to Sergeant Clark providing first aid to the victims who had been shot. Bodo followed the track for more than 1 mile to locate the suspects. ‘;

On Thursday September 24, 2020 at 2225 hours Officer Hartke was called out for a shooting scene on Blue Creek Drive by Sergeant Clark. The canine team Specialist Hartke and Keno responded to the area. Three suspects were involved in a shooting with three victims. Sergeant Clark and K9 Bodo tracked and located suspects at 2507 Misty Creek Road. Specialist Hartke arrived on scene and deployed K9 Keno for perimeter security of the suspects residence. Perimeter was maintained with canine Keno to assist in apprehending any further suspect(s) that fled from the residence, and to guard Specialist Hartke. Specialist Hartke and Keno covered the front door of the residence when a small police team moved into the residence to secure the last suspect.

On Monday August 31, 2020 On Monday August 31, 2020 at 2246 hours in Erlanger, Kentucky, Sergeant Clark initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle bearing Kentucky registration 559ZPS after a LINK/NCIC return on the registration returned "verify proof of insurance". The vehicle came to a stop on the entrance ramp from Donaldson Highway to Southbound Interstate 75.

Sergeant Clark had been watching the above listed vehicle and occupant(s) engage in what appeared to be a drug transaction. The vehicle was observed stopped on the west side of the Speedway parking lot with a tall thin male subject standing at the driver door. The vehicle was not in a parking space, nor was it parked utilizing the gas pumps. The male subject standing at the car door was acting erratic, reaching into his pockets, and looking around nervously while engaging with the subject in the vehicle (later identified as Robert Utz). The unidentified male subject left back towards the motels on Holly Lane in Erlanger, Kentucky, and the above listed vehicle left the parking lot immediately after. The motels on Holly Lane are notorious for drug sales, and drug usage. Sergeant Clark has personally arrested and assisted in arresting numerous subjects for purchasing, selling, and using illicit drugs from the motels on Holly Lane. Additionally, Erlanger Police have received recent complaints about vehicles parking on the lot of Speedway gas station engaging in drug transactions both selling and buying.

A traffic stop was initiated on the listed vehicle on the ramp from Donaldson Highway to southbound Interstate 75. At contact with the above listed vehicle, Sergeant Clark identified the lone occupant as Robert Utz. During

the interaction, Sergeant Clark observed numerous items of paraphernalia throughout the vehicle. There were multiple plastic bags in plain view that appeared to contain a white residue, an open beer can in the center console, and a single use Naloxone in the glove box. Sergeant Clark questioned Utz about his dealings at the Speedway gas station, and about the Naloxone. Utz denied any drug involvement at the gas station. Utz acknowledged the Naloxone making a statement similar to "I have it because of the people I hang out with" which indicated to Sergeant Clark that he associates himself with people who use narcotic drugs. Utz originally provided a story about locating his girlfriend's car at the gas station. Utz story began falling apart when Sergeant Clark asked about if his girlfriend reported the vehicle stolen, if she knew the vehicle was gone, and what her response was to the vehicle missing. Utz began breaking eye contact, stumbling over his words, and his statements were broken. These actions are typical and are associated with someone who is being deceitful. At this point in the described interaction Sergeant Clark had gathered reasonable suspicious that drug activity was occurring or just had occurred based off of Utz's statements, the items observed in the vehicle commonly associated with drug use, and the observations made from Speedway gas station. In addition to the above listed facts, Sergeant Clark repeatedly

observed a odor of alcoholic beverages coming from Utz's person.

Utz was removed the vehicle, and terry pat for weapons. Utz previously admitted to having a pocket knife on his person which he removed at the request of Sergeant Clark and left inside of the vehicle. Sergeant Clark deployed his canine partner Bodo for a vehicle sniff. The canine team Sergeant Clark and Bodo are a nationally trained dual purpose canine team through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). More specifically, canine Bodo is trained to alert and indicate to the illicit drug odors marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and any of their derivatives. Canine Bodo showed alerts to Utz as he passed (head hooked towards Utz, and he was observed with a change in breathing pattern), and at the driver side door area of the vehicle. Canine Bodo showed changes in behavior at the driver side door, and the driver seat area. Bodo focused his sniff pattern at these area focusing on a refined search area, a breathing pattern change, and body positioning. Bodo's changes in behavior are very distinct, and easily observed. The changes in behavior observed from canine Bodo indicated to the handler Sergeant Clark that he had identified a trained odor inside of the vehicle. The canine team Clark and Bodo have been partnered together for more than three (3) years at the time of this report, and have been responsible for hundreds of drug arrests from vehicle sniff deployments. The alert presented by canine Bodo provided police with probable cause to search the vehicle, and Utz's person. A search of the vehicle and Utz's person yielded numerous items of paraphernalia, and numerous illicit drug types.

The following items were seized as items of evidence:

Approximately 2 grams of a crystalline rock substance

Approximately 1 gram of a white powder in several chunks

One metal pipe with visible burnt plant material

One Black digital scale

Multiple plastic bags containing a residual/trace amount of a white substance

One container with a black lid containing a tan-colored wax substance

Cotton filter made from a cigarette butt

A single razor blade

Marijuana residue throughout vehicle floorboards

Utz was arrested and lodged at the Kenton County Detention Center on charges of Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Degree 1 Offense Methamphetamine, Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Degree 1 Offense Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Open Alcoholic Beverage Container in Motor Vehicle Prohibited.

Bike Patrol

Patrol Hours: 9

Miles: 18

Public Contacts: 23

Business Checks: 17

Other: 4

Summary: Bike use was limited due to staffing based on current Covid-19 restrictions. However bike units were responsible for several parking enforcements throughout the city, and overnight drug interdiction resulting in possession charges.

Police Cadets

No training due to Covid-19 restrictions.

School Resource Officers

Lloyd - SRO Scott Abney

Arrests/Citations		Meetings	
Asst. School Searches		Medical Assists	
Asst. School Admin.		Officer Assist	
Classroom Activity		Other S.R.O. Duties	
Counsel Students		Parent Consultations	
Dispatched Calls		Attended After School Events	
Disruptive Students		Traffic Details/Parking	
Camera Review		Transportations	
Drills		Lockouts & Battery Starts	
Home Visits		Harassment Investigations	
Fights/Assault/ Abuse of Teacher		Drugs /Alcohol Investigations	
Theft Investigations		Cases Referred to C.F.C.	
Other Investigations		COURT	

Days of School:

Dixie - SRO Gary Linn

Arrests/Citations		Meetings	
Asst. School Searches		Medical Assists	
Asst. School Admin.		Officer Assist	
Classroom Activity		Other S.R.O. Duties	
Counsel Students		Parent Consultations	
Dispatched Calls		Attended After School Events	
Disruptive Students		Traffic Details/Parking	
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Tichenor - SRO Roger Ruby

Narrative:

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Lindeman, Miles, -